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TOPIC Soviet Troops in St. Poelten  
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REMARKS  
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1. On 14 June 1951, about ten times more soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets than soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed 25X1  
in the billeting area on Am Schiesstattring in St. Poelten (O 49/J 88).  
Officers seen there during a two-hour period of observation included 2 majors with  
red-bordered black epaulets, 2 captains with black-bordered black epaulets, and  
4 officers of undetermined rank with red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles  
were seen in three of the 34 garages, the doors of which stood open. Seven 25X1  
trucks, including a tank truck, were parked near the garages, which were guarded  
by two sentries, one of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets, while the other  
one wore black-bordered red epaulets. Trucks 25X1  
left the installation for driving school practice in town. They included  
bordered black epaulets; and 25X1 occupied by soldiers with red-  
black-bordered red epaulets. The instructors were sergeants and junior sergeants.  
Other vehicles observed included jeep 25X1 occupied by two captains with  
black-bordered red epaulets; truck 25X1 driven by soldiers  
with red-bordered black epaulets; truck 25X1 occupied by a captain, a  
lieutenant and 5 men, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and weapon carrier  
25X1 occupied by a captain with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia.  
25X1 only minor contingents of the units in St Poelten were absent  
from the post, because no essential decrease in the number of troops there was  
discernible.
2. Great activity among the troops was observed at Camp Spratzern. Three of the 25X1  
sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. The area around the camp  
was heavily furrowed by caterpillar tracks. Three T-34 tanks, 25X1  
were being used for driving practice near the camp.  
Numerous foxholes and entrenchments in the vicinity of the camp were also seen.  
25X1C Motor vehicles seen in the camp area included jeep 25X1 occupied by two  
majors with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia; and jeep 25X1  
occupied by a major and a captain wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank  
insignia.  
25X1 10 wooden cantonment buildings in Camp Spratzern were occu-  
pied by troops. \*

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\*  Comment. The information does not confirm previous observations made in St Poelten in May 1951, according to which elements of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div had possibly moved from there to the Doellersheim troop training grounds. It is rather believed that the elements of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, like the 13th Gds Mecz Div, were still at their posts in mid-June 1951. On the basis of this assumption it is believed that the  of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which were observed in the Doellersheim area in May and at the beginning of June 1951, belonged to the units permanently stationed at Doellersheim rather than to elements of this division staying there for summer training.

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